

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2014-299-E - ORDER NO. 2014-789
OCTOBER 7, 2014

IN RE: Joint Petition of Mid-Carolina Electric)	ORDER GRANTING
Cooperative, Inc. and South Carolina Electric)	PETITION FOR
& Gas Company for Reassignment of)	REASSIGNMENT OF
Territory in Saluda County and Approval of)	TERRITORY AND
an Agreement to Limit Corridor Rights)	LIMITATION OF
)	CORRIDOR RIGHTS

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-27-610 through 690, this matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Joint Petition of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“MCEC”) and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”) (collectively “Joint Petitioners”) for Reassignment of Territory in Saluda County and Approval of an Agreement to Eliminate Corridor Rights (“Joint Petition”). A full description of the proposal is attached to the Joint Petition as Exhibit 1. Under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-650(A), the Commission may reassign a portion of the previously assigned service territories upon agreement of the affected parties. Notice of this matter was posted in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the Joint Petition.

Joint Petitioners assert that they have negotiated the agreement in good faith and state that customers will experience no change in electric service. Joint Petitioners further state that the reassignment will avoid wasteful duplication of electric distribution lines and will allow safer operation, better system economy, and service reliability.

The Office of Regulatory Staff has reviewed this matter and has no objection.

As allowed under the authority of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-620(8), after review of the Joint Petition, particularly Exhibit 1, we find that the agreement to reassign territory in Saluda County and limit corridor rights between SCE&G and MCEC is fair and reasonable and in the public interest. As a result, we find that the reassignment and elimination of corridor rights is required by public convenience and necessity. Therefore, the Joint Petition is approved. Amended territorial assignment maps shall be filed once the reassignment is completed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Nikiya Hall, Chairman

ATTEST:



Swain E. Whitfield, Vice Chairman

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